## Dr. Burgess Weekly Address August 23, 2019 Supporting North Texas Students

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

Earlier this summer, our nation marked the fiftieth anniversary of the moon landing. On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong took "one giant leap for mankind," culminating the efforts of thousands of Americans who helped him reach the moon. As we celebrate this remarkable achievement half a century later, Americans also look to the future of innovation in our country.

As a physician serving in Congress, I am a proponent of STEM education. Such science and technology skills equip students to excel in their careers and move American innovation. As Congress considers education policy, we must ensure that future generations of Americans have the necessary skills to find jobs, defend the nation, and spur the economy. With unemployment rates at record-lows, it is a great time for North Texas students to consider what skills will help them enter the workforce.

As North Texas students return to the classroom this fall, I am committed to supporting teachers, students, and school staff. Earlier this year, I introduced legislation that bolsters school safety. The BIG Act is bipartisan legislation that will help connect students in schools around our country to behavioral health services.

By working together, all of us can help North Texas students succeed throughout the course of their education. I believe that our North Texas students are some of the brightest in the nation, and I wish all students the best as they begin the new school year.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family, God bless American students, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.